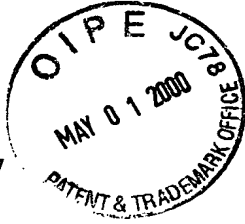


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to further respond to the Office Action [final rejection] mailed on November 30, 1999.

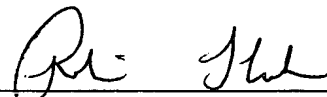
- a second month to April 30, 2000 ; the extension fee is
[] \$135.00 [X] \$270.00. A one-month Petition for Extension of Time was
previously filed with the appropriate fee on March 30, 2000 .
- An extension fee in the amount of \$ 270.00 is enclosed.
- [] Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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